



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Donald S. Karanewsky et al.
Application No. : 09/912,674
Filed : July 20, 2001
For : (SUBSTITUTED)ACYL DIPEPTIDYL INHIBITORS OF THE
ICE/ced-3 FAMILY OF CYSTEINE PROTEASES

Examiner : David Lukton
Art Unit : 1653
Docket No. : 480140.444C1
Date : May 24, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 31, 2005, please extend the period of time for response one month, to expire on May 31, 2005. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee.

By Office Action mailed March 31, 2005, the Examiner has entered a three-way Restriction Requirement; namely, Group I - claims 1-40, drawn to compounds; Group II - claims 41-44, drawn to methods of treating various diseases; and Group III - claims 45-49, drawn to a method of expanding hematopoietic cell populations, or to a method of prolonging the viability of an organ.


Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the Group II claims (*i.e.*, claims 41-44) for examination at this time. In addition, for purpose of initial examination only, Applicants hereby elect the species of Example 190, disclosed in Table 15 on page 110 of the specification. Claims 41-44 are generic to this species. Furthermore, also for purpose of initial examination

only, Applicants hereby elect the species of adult respiratory distress syndrome, disclosed on page 32 of the specification. Claim 42 is generic to this species.

In view of the foregoing, consideration of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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